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I DON'T CARE HOW YOU DO IT GABBY, AS LONG AS YA MESS UP THE REDS... AN' KEEP YOUR BIG YAP SHUT!

YA MEAN I TALK TOO MUCH, SARGE?



AN' I THOUGHT I WAS SUCH A CLAM!

LOOK OUT BEHIND YA... OR Y'LL BE A DEAD CLAM!



I KNEW HE WAS THERE ALL THE TIME, SARGE! I JUST WANTED HIM TO GET CLOSER...SO I WOULDN'T HAVE TO WASTE UNCLE SAM'S BULLETS!

AS THE BATTLE RAGED ON, THE RAIN FELL AND THE COMMIES FELL...

FROGS CROAKED IN THE SWOLLEN CREEKS...AND THE REDS DID THE SAME!

AFTER THE SHELLING AND THE BATTLE, THE TREES ON OLD BALDY WERE BATTERED AND DEAD...AND SO WERE THE COMMIES...



WUMP!



SARGE! THEM THAT DIDN'T GET ANY SOUVENIRS ARE GOIN' AWAY MAD!

YEAH, BUT DON'T GO PUTTIN' YOUR GARAND INTO MOTH BALLS... THEY'LL BE BACK!



HEY SARGE, THEM SNEAKY SKUNKS PULLED A SNATCH DETAIL DURIN' THAT ATTACK! THEY GOT FRECKLES, LEFTY... AND THAT YAKKITY YAK DOGFACE, GABBY GAINS!

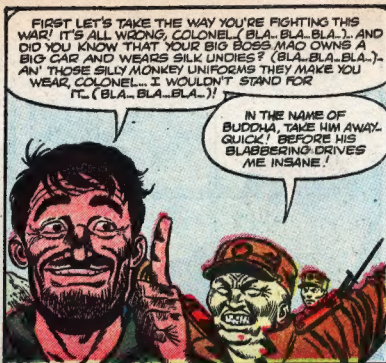
HIM I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT! WITH HIS GIFT OF GAB, HE'LL PROBABLY TALK THE REDS INTO SALUTIN' THE STARS AN' STRIPES!

GABBY AND THE OTHER TWO DOGGIES WERE TAKEN TO THE COMMIE COLONEL WHOSE FORCES WERE BATTERED OFF OF OLD BALDY AT EVERY TRY...



YOUR TWO COMRADES REFUSED TO TALK, BUT YOU HAVE AN INTELLIGENT FACE! YOU WILL TALK... YES!

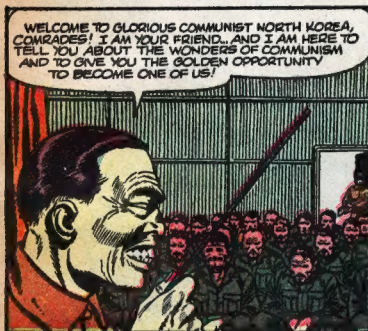
WELL, THANKS FOR ASKIN', COLONEL! USUALLY I'M TOLD TO SHUT UP... SO THIS'LL BE A PLEASURE!



FIRST LET'S TAKE THE WAY YOU'RE FIGHTING THIS WAR! IT'S ALL WRONG, COLONEL! (BLA...BLA...BLA...). AND DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR BIG BOSS MAO OWNS A BIG CAR AND WEARS SILK UNDIES? (BLA...BLA...BLA...)-AN' THOSE SILLY MONKEY UNIFORMS THEY MAKE YOU WEAR, COLONEL... I WOULDN'T STAND FOR IT! (BLA...BLA...BLA...)!

IN THE NAME OF BUDDHA, TAKE HIM AWAY... QUICK! BEFORE HIS BLABBERING DRIVES ME INSANE!

FROM THERE GABBY AND HIS PALS WERE SENT TO CAMP NO. 5 AT PIKOTONG...



WELCOME TO GLORIOUS COMMUNIST NORTH KOREA, COMRADES! I AM YOUR FRIEND... AND I AM HERE TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE WONDERS OF COMMUNISM AND TO GIVE YOU THE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME ONE OF US!

AFTER THE LONG, MONOTONOUS, COMMUNIST-PRaising LECTURE, THE RED INSTRUCTOR ANNOUNCED THAT ALL THOSE WHO WISHED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT COMMUNISM SHOULD REMAIN... AND THOSE WHO DIDN'T WOULD HAVE TO GO OUT AND CHOP WOOD.



LOOK, LEFTY! GABBY'S THE ONLY ONE STAYIN'!

WHY, THAT TRAITOR!

THEY ARE ALL STUPID FOOLS! YOU ARE SMART! YOU WILL MAKE A GOOD COMMUNIST!

AFTER THAT THE REDS CONCENTRATED ON CONVERTING GABBY... AND THEY SENT THEIR MOST FANATIC INSTRUCTORS TO TALK TO HIM...



NOW REPEAT WHAT I TOLD YOU!

YEAH... I BELIEVE THAT COMMUNISM IS A GREAT CAUSE... COMMUNISM IS THE CHAMPION OF PEACE... COMMUNISM IS GLORIOUS... BLA... BLA...

AS A REWARD, GABBY GOT PRIVILEGES! HE HAD FREEDOM OF THE CAMP... AND CIGARETTES AND BETTER FOOD...



HERE HE COMES NOW, LEFTY! BUT DON'T BE TOO ROUGH! HE MIGHTVE GOT A BRAIN WASHIN'!

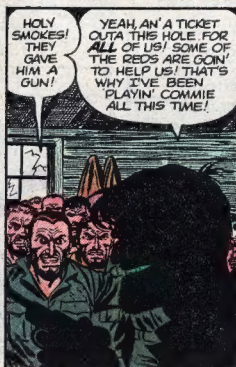
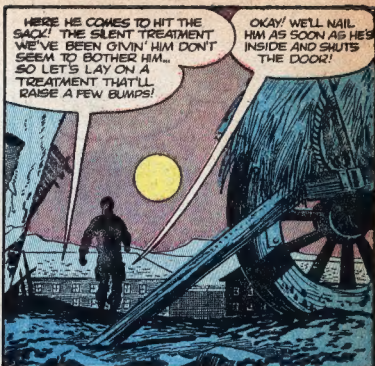
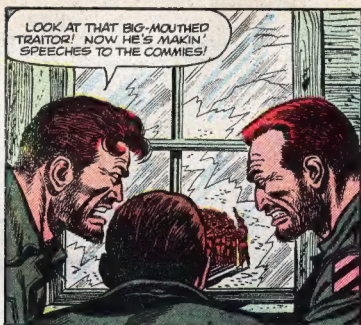
IMPOSSIBLE! YA GOTTA HAVE A BRAIN FOR THAT! ALL HE'S GOT IS A MOUTH!



HERE'S WHAT I THINK OF THE STINKIN' COMMIE!

PITTI!

THE OTHER DOGGIES MADE LIFE MISERABLE FOR GABBY... BUT HE DIDN'T CHANGE! HE KEPT ON ATTENDING THE COMMIE INDOCTRINATION TALKS AND LECTURES...



AND THAT NIGHT, THE GROUP OF CONVERTED REDS CONVERTED THEIR COMRADES AT THE GATES, INTO DEAD COMMUNISTS!





ON THE WAY BACK SOUTH, THE PARADE OF G.I.'S AND FORMER RED INSTRUCTORS ATTRACTED OTHER COMMIES, AND GABBY, THROUGH THE INSTRUCTORS, TALKED THEM ALL INTO JOINING THE MARCH TO FREEDOM!



GABBY'S TRANSLATED SALES TALK PICKED UP MORE RECRUITS EVERY MILE OF THE WAY... AND THE ARMY OF CONVERTS GREW LONGER AND LONGER AS THEY MARCHED THROUGH NORTH KOREA SINGING THE G.I.'S FAVORITE...



AND THEN SUDDENLY THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE RIPPED INTO THE SINGING AND TURNED IT OFF, AS IF IT WERE THE WRONG STATION...



AND ON TOP OF OLD BALDY THE DOGGIES COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT THEY WERE SEEING...



HEY, SARGE!
DID THIS CRAZY
MIXED-UP WAR! THEM
RED SOLDIERS DOWN
THERE ARE SHOOTIN'
AT THE REDS
ATTACKIN' US!

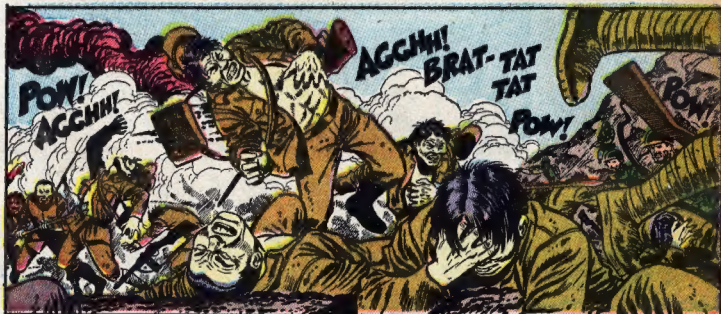
IT'S A SCREWY SETUP.
BUT JUST THE KIND WE
NEED TO MAKE THIS THE
COMMIES' LAST TRY
FOR OLD BALDY!



LET'S GO GET 'EM, YA
GREAT BIG BEAUTIFUL
QUEENIES! GIVE 'EM ALL
YA GOT! SHOOT THE WORKS!
THIS IS IT!

POW! RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT POW!

THE DOGGIES CHARGED DOWN FROM THE TOP OF OLD BALDY, POURING PLUNGING FIRE INTO THE ATTACKING REDS... AND GABBY'S LEGION OF FREEDOM PUMPED LEAD INTO THE REDS FROM BELOW! THE BEWILDERED COMMIE ATTACKERS OF OLD BALDY WERE CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO FIRES!



AND WHEN IT WAS ALL OVER, OLD BALDY BELONGED TO THE G.I.'S FOR KEEPS! AND THE SARGE AND THE OTHER DOGGIES HEARD OVER AND OVER AGAIN HOW GABBY MADE IT ALL POSSIBLE...



AN' SO I MADE BELIEVE
IT WAS SWALLOWIN' THE
COMMIE BALONEY (BLA...
BLA...BLA...)... AND WHEN I
SAW YOU GUYS TRAPPED
UP ON OL' BALDY, I ASKED
MYSELF WHAT WOULD
GEORGE WASHINGTON DO.
(BLA... BLA...BLA...)
SO I...

I'VE HEARD THAT
BROKEN RECORD A
THOUSAND TIMES!
I'M GONNA RAM THIS
MESS KIT DOWN
HIS THROAT...



LAY OFF,
CORPORAL!
AFTER WHAT
GABBY DID...
HE CAN KEEP
ON YAKKITTY-
YAKKIN' UNTIL
HIS HITCH
IS UP!

AN' I SIZED UP THE SITUATION
IMMEDIATELY, BECAUSE I'M A FAST
THINKER... THAT COMES FROM CLEAN
LIVIN'. (BLA... BLA...BLA...)... AN' YOU
ALL KNOW THAT I'M NOT THE
KIND OF A GUY TO SHOOT OFF MY
MOUTH, BUT I GOTTA TELL YA
THIS... (BLA... BLA...BLA...)



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"BLACKJACK"



THE DATE: MAY 28TH, 1918! THE TIME: 0530 HOURS! THE PLACE: CANTIGNY! THE AMERICAN 1ST DIVISION WAS GETTING ITS FIRST TASTE OF REAL BATTLE, AND THEY CHARGED WITH SAVAGE ZEAL! THIS WAS TO BE THE PROVING GROUND OF YANK METTLE, AND FOR GENERAL JOHN J. "BLACKJACK" PERSHING, THEY **HAD** TO COME THROUGH!

CANTIGNY BURST INTO FLAMES UNDER THE SAVAGE ASSAULT OF THE HEAVY HOWITZERS, BUT THE GERMANS MERELY DUG IN AND WAITED...

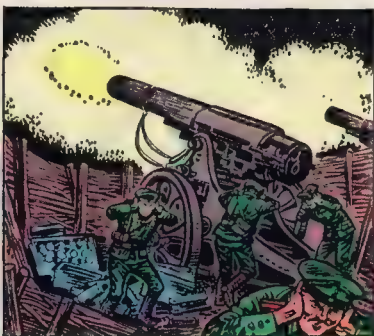
THE HUNS HAD BEEN THROUGH THIS BEFORE! THEY KNEW WHAT THE BARRAGE SIGNIFIED...AN INFANTRY ATTACK! THEY LAY LOW, THEIR FACES TENSE IN AN EFFORT TO SUSTAIN THE SHOCK OF BOMBARDMENT!



THEY HAD EXPECTED ONLY INFANTRY, BUT AS THE
DIN RECEDED THEY LOOKED AND SAW TANKS
AS WELL...



THE GERMAN GUNS BEGAN TO ROAR! INTELLIGENCE HAD
TOLD THEM THE AMERICANS WOULD BREAK UNDER FIRE!



BUT GERMAN INTELLIGENCE WAS
WRONG! THE ONCOMING YANKS
WERE NEITHER STOPPING NOR
BREAKING...

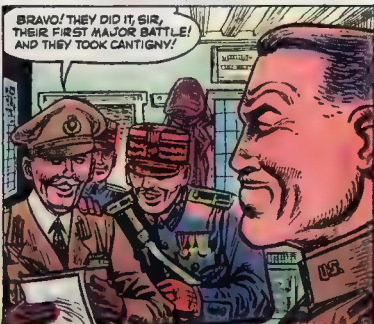
THE FIRST WAVE STRUCK, AND THE
TANKS STRUCK WITH THEM...

ON THE RIGHT FLANK, THE GERMAN LINES
CRUMPLED LIKE AN EGG-SHELL AS A
MARAUDING COMPANY OF YANKS AND
THEIR STEEL-CLAD RUNNING MATES
SMASHED THROUGH...



INFILTRATING TROOPS KNIFED THROUGH THE LEFT FLANK
WITH EVEN GREATER EFFICIENCY! GERMAN HEAD-
QUARTERS IN CANTIGNY FELL TO A SURPRISE ATTACK...

"BLACKJACK" PERSHING'S GRANITE FACE SELDOM CRACKED
IN A SMILE, BUT WHEN CANTIGNY FELL, THE THIN LIPS BROKE
THEIR STERN DEAMEANOR...



MEANWHILE, THE AMERICAN SECOND AND THIRD DIVISIONS
ENTRENCHED NEAR THE MARNE BROKE OUT IN A VIOLENT
ATTACK IN THE CHATEAU-THIERRY REGION...

THIS WASN'T AN ARMY OF PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS!
THIS WAS A CITIZEN ARMY WHICH FOUGHT GALLANTLY
AGAINST A PEOPLE TRAINED FOR WAR...



THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN PINNED DOWN FOR A WHILE! THEY
MIGHT HAVE PULLED UP TO REST... BUT THEY NEVER
WAVERED FROM THEIR GOAL...

THE SECOND DIVISION MOVED AHEAD WITHOUT WAITING
FOR ORDERS! BOURECHES... BELLEAU WOOD... VALMAY!
ALL FELL UNDER THE MIGHTY OFFENSIVE...



IN GERMAN HEADQUARTERS, GENERAL
LUDENDORFF FOUND HIMSELF MATCHING
WITS WITH HIS AMERICAN COUNTERPART,
"BLACK JACK" PERSHING...

BUT THE BATTLE OF THE MARNE SALIENT
PROVED THAT PERSHING HAD AGAIN
OUTFOXED THE WILY LUDENDORFF! THE
GERMANS POURED FORTH, BUT THE
AMERICANS WERE WAITING...

THE 105'S BRACKETED THE ADVANCING
GERMAN TROOPS FIRST IN A SMOTHERING
BARRAGE OF SCREAMING FURY!



PERSHING IS A FOX! HE HAS OUT-
GUESSED OUR EVERY ATTACK, BUT
OUR NEW OFFENSIVE WILL
SMOTHER HIM!

LET 'EM COME! THOSE ARE THE
GENERAL'S ORDERS! THEY DON'T
KNOW WE'RE HERE! EASY,
BOYS... EASY!

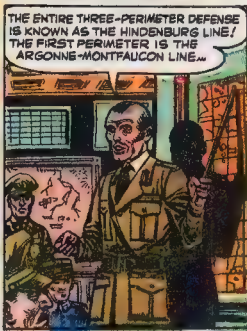
STARTLED AT FIRST, THEN CONFUSED AND TERRIFIED, THE GERMANS EITHER DIED IN THEIR TRACKS, DUG IN OR RETREATED...



ON THAT FATEFUL DAY OF AUGUST 8TH, GENERAL LUDENDORFF EXPRESSED HIMSELF WITH PROPHETIC WORDS...



AND IT ~~WAS~~ A BLACK DAY! FOR FROM THAT DAY ON, THE GREAT ALLIED OFFENSIVE NEVER WAVERED! ITS LAST GREAT OBSTACLE WAS THE FAMOUS HINDENBURG LINE...



AND ON SEPTEMBER 26TH, THE ALLIED ATTACK WAS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE FIRST RING OF GERMAN STEEL IN THE ARGONNE SECTOR...



FOR THREE DAYS THE ATTACK BATTERED ITSELF AGAINST A WALL OF GERMAN RESISTANCE, BUT ON SEPTEMBER 29TH, THE RING WAS PIERCED AND THE ALLIES BROKE THROUGH...



WITH THE FIRST RING SMASHED, THE ALLIED HIGH COMMAND TURNED ITS ATTENTION TO THE SECOND RING KNOWN AS THE KRIEMHILDE STELLUNG...



THE BATTLE LASTED FOR DAYS, BUT "BLACKJACK" PERSHING KNEW HIS FORCES *MUST* BREAK THROUGH THE DEFENSE RING, AT ANY COST...



THE KRIEMHILDE STELLUNG FELL ON OCTOBER 30TH, AND NOW THE CREAM OF THE AMERICAN ARMY AND ITS ALLIES POISED FOR THE STRIKE AGAINST FREYA STELLUNG, THE THIRD AND LAST GERMAN DEFENSE...



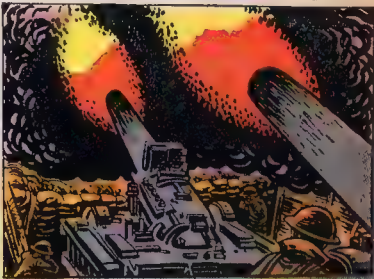
THE TASTE OF VICTORY WAS THICK IN THE SENSES OF THE YANK TROOPS, AND BY NOVEMBER 6TH, THE FAMOUS RAINBOW DIVISION BROKE THROUGH NEAR SEDAN...



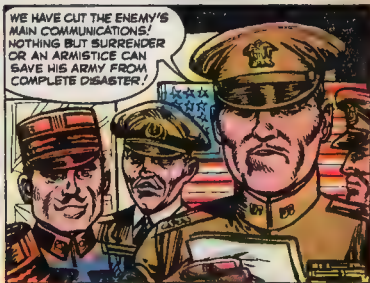
ARMISTICE FEELERS WERE SENT OUT BY THE GERMANS AS THEY RECEDED WITHIN THEIR OWN FRONTIERS... SMASHED AND DEFEATED!

ON NOVEMBER 11TH, 1918, AT 5:00 A.M., IN A RAILWAY CAR WITHIN THE FOREST OF COMPIEGNE, THE GERMANS SIGNED AN ARMISTICE...

THE GREAT GUNS CHURNED OUT THEIR DEADLY MISSILES AS THOUGH KNOWING THIS WOULD BE THEIR LAST MISSION BEFORE THE SILENCE OF PEACE WOULD FALL...

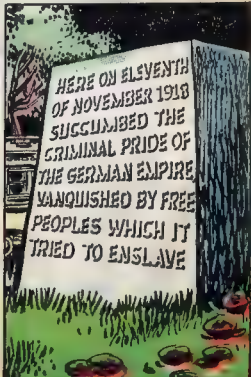


TERRIBLY AWARE OF THE HUMAN SACRIFICE, HE FELT RESPONSIBLE FOR, BUT MORE DEEPLY AWARE OF THE HIGHER PURPOSE HE GAINED, "BLACKJACK" PERSHING SPOKE HIS THOUGHTS...



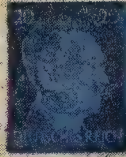
WE HAVE CUT THE ENEMY'S MAIN COMMUNICATIONS! NOTHING BUT SURRENDER OR AN ARMISTICE CAN SAVE HIS ARMY FROM COMPLETE DISASTER!

IN THE CENTER OF THAT HISTORICAL CLEARING NOW STANDS A GRANITE BLOCK ON WHOSE FACE APPEARS THE LEGEND...



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SMALL DYNAMITE

B COMPANY, which had seen some of the hardest fighting since the regiment landed in Korea, was in a rest area. The men sprawled about on the ground, gratefully drinking in the early Spring sunlight.

A little knot lay around Corporal Whitehead, a hulking six-and-a-half-footer, and listened to him hold forth on his strength and musculature.

"Oh, no, corporal!" one of the men in the first platoon broke out. "You don't mean that. Why, that's silly any way you look at it!"

"It's not silly," the corporal went on doggedly. "I said it, and I know what I'm talking about. It's a big man's world!"

"Only if the little men are stupid," the man who had interrupted him said. "But a smart little man can lick a big man any old time."

"Well, that's where you make your mistake," Corporal Whitehead countered. "Because why should the little man be the only one who's smart?"

"Huh?"

"You heard me. Sure a smart little man can take a dumb big

man. But suppose the big man's smart, too? Then who wins? That's what I said and that's what I'll stand by: if they're equal in every other respect, a good big man will clean up on a good little man every single time. Stands to reason, it does!"

"Yeah, but what makes you so sure that a big man can be as smart as a little man?" the shorter private went on. "All of the really great smart men have been smaller than average height. For example, Napoleon Bonaparte and New York's old mayor, Fiorello H. LaGuardia. Even thoroughly evil characters like Hitler—"

Corporal Whitehead laughed. "And for every smart little man you can bring in a dozen smart big men. Like the man who licked Napoleon at last—Wellington. And America's own George Washington and Abraham Lincoln."

Suddenly, he turned around and noticed a man in sergeant's stripes right behind him, a man of average height. The corporal grinned. "Hey, sarge," he said. "Why don't you settle this argument? Who do you think has

a better chance in a scrap, if they're the same every other way: a good big man or a good little man?"

"Well, if you put it that way," said Sergeant O'Rourke smiling, as he dropped down to the ground beside them, "I guess the answer is the big man. And if you put it the way Tommy did a minute ago, the answer is the opposite. A lot depends on the men, and a lot—But maybe I can make it a little clearer if I tell you a story. Like so:"

Back when this regiment was fighting its way through the Siegfried Line in France (said Sergeant O'Rourke), a little man named Adolf Hitler was still giving orders to the German Army—and a lot of big men like General Von Rundstedt were seeing that they were carried out.

I was just a private then, and I was too busy fighting during the Battle of the Bulge to worry about whether I wanted to be bigger or smaller.

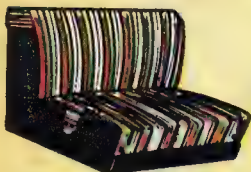
Most of the time, that is. One day, though, I went out on a one-man patrol to find out if there were any movements of

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THE ARMY THAT WASN'T THERE

APRIL, 1777! THE BRITISH WERE MARCHING THRU CONNECTICUT, BURNING AND PILLAGING ON THE WAY! GENERAL TYRON WAS SET ON EASY CONQUEST! BEHIND HIM MARCHED THOUSANDS OF WELL-TRAINED TROOPS, PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS OF GEORGE III! WHO WAS THERE TO STOP THIS THREAT TO THE BATTLE FOR LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE RAGGED MILITIA THAT HAD SWORN TO REPEL THE BRITISH? HERE IS THE ANSWER IN AN UNKNOWN CHAPTER OF THE HISTORY OF A GREAT PEOPLE!

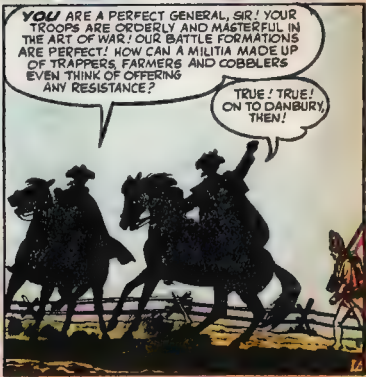
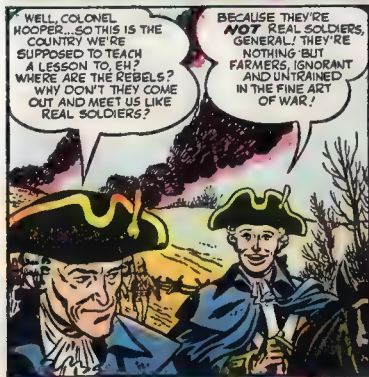


WELL, COLONEL HOOPER, SO THIS IS THE COUNTRY WE'RE SUPPOSED TO TEACH A LESSON TO, EH? WHERE ARE THE REBELS? WHY DON'T THEY COME OUT AND MEET US LIKE REAL SOLDIERS?

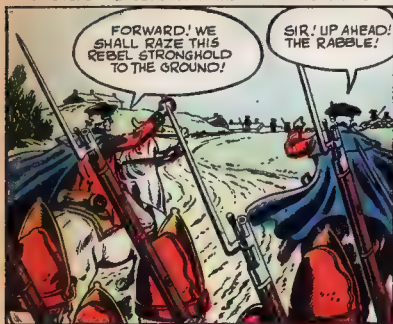
BECAUSE THEY'RE **NOT** REAL SOLDIERS, GENERAL! THEY'RE NOTHING BUT FARMERS, IGNORANT AND UNTRAINED IN THE FINE ART OF WAR!

YOU ARE A PERFECT GENERAL, SIR! YOUR TROOPS ARE ORDERLY AND MASTERFUL IN THE ART OF WAR! OUR BATTLE FORMATIONS ARE PERFECT! HOW CAN A MILITIA MADE UP OF TRAPPERS, FARMERS AND COBBLEERS EVEN THINK OF OFFERING ANY RESISTANCE?

TRUE! TRUE! ON TO DANBURY, THEN!



"ON TO DANBURY!" THE TROOPS SPEEDED THEIR MARCH, EXCITED BY THE PROSPECT OF MORE PILLAGE AND LOOTING. THEN, AHEAD OF THEM, LOOMED THE TOWN, NESTLED PEACEFULLY IN THE CONNECTICUT HILLS...



FORWARD! WE SHALL RAZE THIS REBEL STRONGHOLD TO THE GROUND!

SIR! UP AHEAD! THE RABBLE!

AND ON THEY WENT TOWARD THE TOWN...



LOOK, SIR!

A REBEL, NO DOUBT! WELL, I HOPE HE TELLS HIS COHORTS THE POWER OF MY ARMY, SO THEY STAY OUT OF MY WAY!

KEEN EYES WATCHED THE PROGRESS OF TYRON'S ARMY! TEETH GRITTED IN GRIM ANGER AS THE ARROGANT REDCOATS FLOODED ACROSS FIELDS OF WHEAT, TRAMPLING THE RICH CROP UNDERFOOT!



AND SO TYRON CAME INTO DANBURY, HAVING EVERYTHING HIS OWN WAY! THE FEW WHO DARED TO FIGHT THE REDCOATS WERE SOON DISPATCHED...



HA! HA! LOOK AT THE YANKEE DOODLES RUN!

RUN, RABBLE. RUN!

ONE VOLLEY FROM THE CLOSELY-PACKED REDCOAT TROOPS AND THE RESISTANCE WAS BRUSHED AWAY!



FIRE!

LOOK AT THEM RUN FOR THEIR MISERABLE LIVES!

THE HORSEMAN DUG HEELS INTO HIS MOUNT'S FLANKS, SPUN AROUND AND THE HORSE'S HOOFSCATTERED TUFTS OF EARTH AS IT BORE DOWNHILL, AWAY FROM THE SIGHT BELOW!



THEN THEY SET FIRE TO THE TOWN! THEY RAIDED SHOPS AND HOMES, GOT DRUNK ON STOLEN RUM AND WINE, AND LAUGHED AT THE REBEL CAUSE WHICH WOULD MOST CERTAINLY GO DOWN TO DEFEAT IN A FEW WEEKS!



BUT ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT, THE HORSEMAN ROODE THROUGH THE HILLS AND BYWAYS, SPREADING THE ALARM!

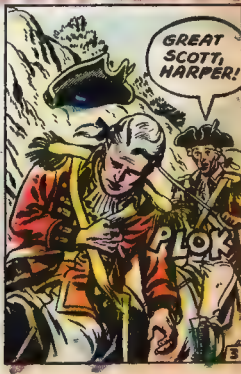
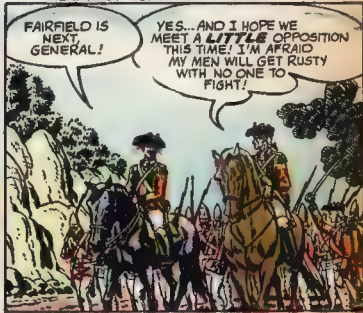
IN THE NEARBY TOWNS AND FARMS, FARMERS ROSE IN THE NIGHT AND SEIZED MUSKETS AND RIFLES!

ACROSS THE BORDER INTO NEW YORK STATE... WINDOWS YANKED OPEN TO LISTEN TO THE ALARM THE RIDERS SPREAD...



AS FAR AND FAST AS THEIR HORSES COULD TAKE THEM, THE RIDERS SOUNDED THE CALL TO ARMS... AND THE GRIM, LEAN-FACED MEN GRABBED GUNS, MOUNTED HORSES, AND WERE OFF!

BUT BY DAWN, THE BRITISH WERE FINISHED WITH DANBURY! THEY COULD DO NO MORE! THEY LEFT A MASS OF BURNING RUBBLE AND THE BROKEN HEARTS OF BEREAVED FAMILIES!



MORE SHOTS FOLLOWED, STRAIGHT INTO THE PACKED BANKS OF RED COATS! BUT NO ENEMY COULD BE SEEN! CONFUSED AND FRIGHTENED, THEY TURNED TO THEIR GENERAL...



TYRON'S MIND WAS IN A WHIRL! WHAT ORDERS DOES ONE GIVE TO FIGHT AN ARMY THAT ISN'T THERE?



THEN IT CAME...THE ONLY ORDER HE KNEW HOW TO GIVE...



AND THEY FIRED...AT NOTHING! THEY FIRED, AS ALWAYS, IN PACKED FORMATION...IN ONE DIRECTION...AND REBEL SHOTS HIT THEM FROM THE OTHER!



FROM HILLTOPS AND TREES...

FROM HIDDEN CAVES, AND FROM BEHIND BOULDERS...



UNSEEN, BUT SEEING...SCATTERED ALL OVER THE COUNTRYSIDE THEY KNEW SO WELL, THE MILITIA THAT HAD BEEN CALLED TO ARMS DURING THE NIGHT, ATTACKED AND ATTACKED AGAIN...IN THEIR OWN SPECIAL WAY!



AT LAST THE SOLID RANKS OF THE BRITISH BROKE!
THE MEN TURNED IN FEAR AND PANIC, TRYING TO
FLEE THE UNSEEN FOE...

TYRON TRIED TO CUT OFF THE RETREAT, BUT HE
WAS TOO LATE!



COME BACK, YOU DOGS! YOU'RE
ENGLISHMEN! YOU'RE THE GREATEST
SOLDIERS IN THE WORLD!
COME BACK!



YOU FOOLS! YOU
SHOULD HAVE
RUN **THIS** WAY!
THE REST OF YOU
FOLLOW ME!



I'LL SHOW YOU HOW
HIS MAJESTY'S OFFICER
GETS OUT OF A
TRAP!

AND THEN HE SAW IT! HE WAS
FACING A LONG-BARRELED
RIFLE...AND BEHIND IT WAS
THE GRIM-FACED OWNER...A
MILLER FROM FARMER'S
MILLS IN NEW YORK STATE...



DIE, YOU
YANKEE
REBEL!



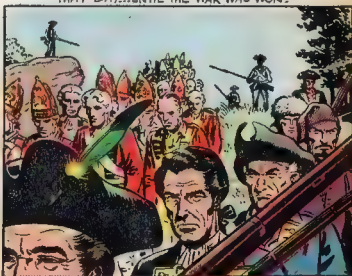
BUT A PUFF OF SMOKE WAS THE
LAST THING GENERAL TYRON
SAW...



ENOUGH! WE SURRENDER!
HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIGHT
AN ENEMY WE CAN'T SEE?

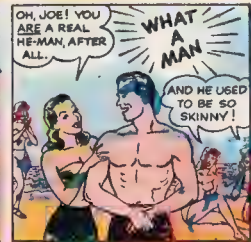
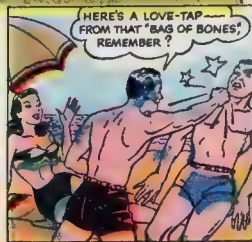
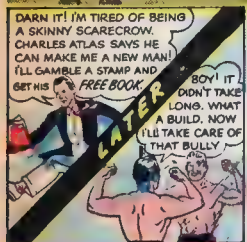
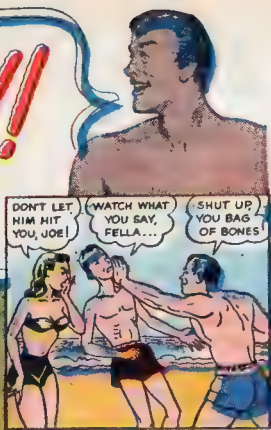
ALL RIGHT,
BOYS!
HOLD YOUR
FIRE! I
RECKON THESE
LOBSTER-
BACKS HAVE
HAD ENOUGH!

SO BACK TO THEIR HOMES AND FARMS AND SHOPS
WENT THE MILITIA OF CONNECTICUT AND NEW
YORK...AND THE BRITISH LEARNED THAT BUNKER
HILL WAS NO ACCIDENT, BUT COULD BE DONE
OVER AND OVER AGAIN, AS IT WAS IN FAIRFIELD
THAT DAY...UNTIL THE WAR WAS WON!



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German troops toward our positions. Since I didn't see any, I started back to platoon headquarters with the happy news for our lieutenant who was one real good guy and who got knocked off the day we entered Germany.

On the way back through this little patch of forest, an artillery bombardment started from our side. The Germans got a little annoyed or something and replied with *their* artillery.

You know what I did while this argument was going on. I scrambled at the ground, wishing desperately that I could cut myself down to about one-fifth my size—or even less.

Then, once it got quieter, I picked me up and continued on my way. A moment later, I was kissing dirt again, this time awful regretful that I couldn't grow a dozen or so inches in a hurry.

Because, in that one moment, I'd seen a German in the flash of an artillery shell. He was coming from *our* lines; he was evidently a one-man patrol on exactly the same mission as I was.

Only he was one of the biggest human beings I'd ever seen. He was so big I wondered how the Germans had found uniforms to fit him. He reminded me of Goliath.

But he'd hit dirt when he'd seen me. Like I had. And I could tell from the patched and stained condition of his uniform

that he was a hardened combat veteran, too.

That meant he'd be able to figure out what I was doing out here—and that I was alone. And it also meant that he'd try to wriggle up to me and engage me in hand-to-hand fighting with trench-knife or bayonet. With his bigger size and probably greater strength he'd have it all over me. And if I tried to shoot



him, I'd probably just expose my position without being able to aim correctly in the moonless night.

And, to top the whole thing off, that artillery shell had shown me he was wearing the uniform of the S.S. Death's Head Regiment—one of the meanest, cruelest bunches of Germans in combat. I knew it would be childish to expect mercy from one of *that* crew.

I could hear him inching toward me in the dark, and I slipped my bayonet on my rifle, very, *very* unhappy over the difference in height. You see, it wasn't so much that I minded being shorter than he was: it was that the additional height meant he had a longer reach than I did. In a bayonet dual that can be awfully important.

And then we both heard the roar of the shell coming over from my left and realized that it would explode too far away to do us any damage. But it would explode with enough of a flash to enable us both to get in one good shot, probably the last one.

Well, as that shell exploded high in the night air, we both leaped to our feet and blasted at each other with our rifles.

He missed. I didn't.

Now I could say that the reason I hit him was because of his size. Say we were both equal marksmen. I presented less of a target than he did. That's what I *could* say if I wanted to settle this argument.

Only you might as well know it was luck. The flash of the exploding shell came from behind me, so that the German was blinded by the glare and I could see him plainly!

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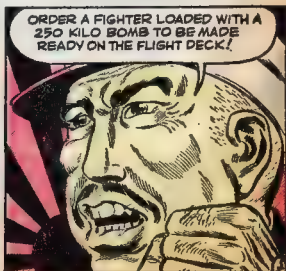
IT IS OCTOBER 15, 1944! ADMIRAL HALSEY'S FLEET LIES OFF MANILA, AND IN JAP NAVAL HEAD-QUARTERS GLOOM PREVAILS..

THE RAYS OF THE SETTING SUN ARE DIMMING! WE ARE MOVING BACK... BACK... BACK! WE CANNOT HALT THE AMERICAN FLEET! IS THIS THE END?

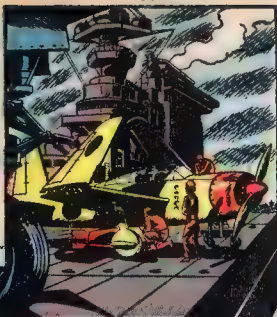
YOU HAVE YOUR KNIFE! IF YOU THINK THIS, GO INTO THE NEXT ROOM AND DO WHAT MUST BE DONE!

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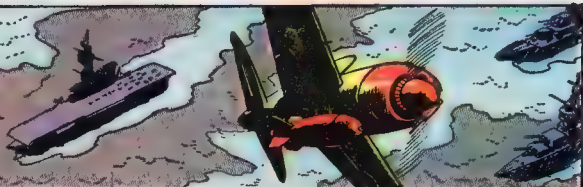
IT IS
5:00AM,
STILL
DARK!
ON THE
FLIGHT
DECK OF
THE JAP
CARRIER,
A LONE
PLANE
IS
BEING
ARMED
AND
SERVICED...



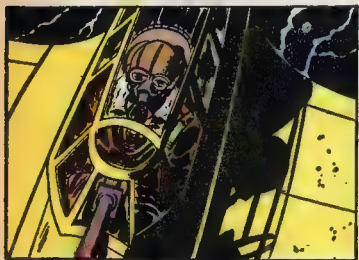
AT 5:20AM, VICE-ADMIRAL MASABUMI ARIMA CLIMBS
INTO THE "ZEKE" COCKPIT/A FEW GREY STREAKS OF
DAWN TINGE THE PHILIPPINE SKIES...



THE PLANE IS
AIRBORNE AND
CLIMBING FAST!
SOON IT IS A
BLACK SPECK
IN A GREY
OCEAN OF
SKY AND MURKY
CLOUDS...



IN THE COCKPIT, A FEELING OF EXHILARATION
OVERCOMES THE ADMIRAL! IT IS WONDERFUL TO
DIE! ONE HAS ONLY TO LOVE THE EMPEROR AND
DEATH COMES EASY...



SELF-HYPNOSIS TAKES EFFECT/MASABUMI ARIMA IS
DRUNK WITH DIVINE JOY! HE WANTS NO PART OF LIFE
OR CONTACT WITH LIFE... SO HE RIPS AWAY THE MAN-
MADE IMPLEMENTS...



AT 6:35AM, THE JAP ADMIRAL LOOKS DOWN AND SEES THE
YANK FLEET! HIS EYES PASS OVER THE DESTROYERS, OVER
THE CRUISERS, AND SETTLES ON...

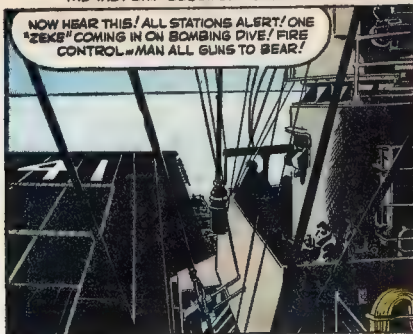


HE KICKS THE RUDDER, SLAMS THE STICK
FORWARD AND GOES INTO A SCREAMING
DIVE SEAWARD...

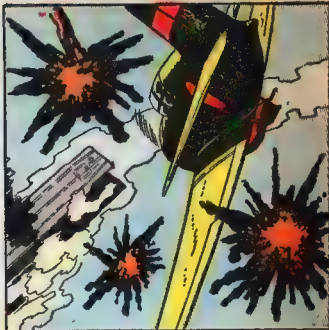


ABOARD THE CARRIER, AMAZED EYES WATCH THE LONE PLANE HURTLING DOWN/ORDERS BARK, SIGNALS BUZZ, THE VAST SHIP BECOMES VIBRANT WITH LIFE..

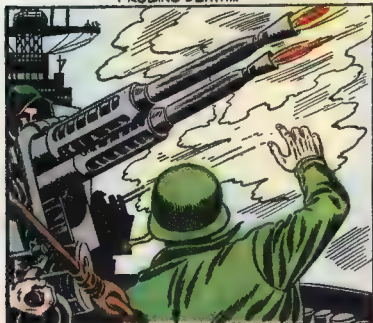
THE GIGANTIC CARRIER LOOSES ITS DEADLY FIRE FROM ALL AVAILABLE GUN POSITIONS.. BUT THE DIVE BOMBER BORES IN..



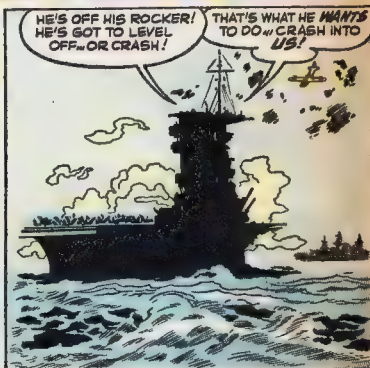
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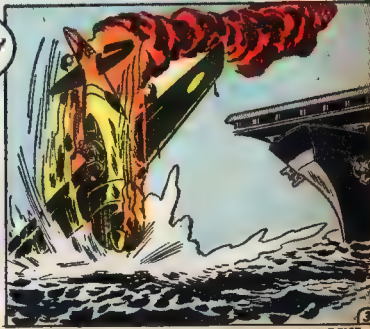
HE'S OFF HIS ROCKER! HE'S GOT TO LEVEL OFF.. OR CRASH!

THAT'S WHAT HE WANTS TO DO.. CRASH INTO US!

A THOUSAND YEARS OF LIFE? NO AN ETERNITY OF DEATH! A FEW HUNDRED FEET FROM HIS TARGET, VICE-ADMIRAL MASABUMI ARIMA MEETS DEATH AND DEFEAT!



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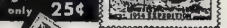
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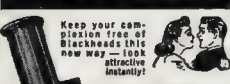
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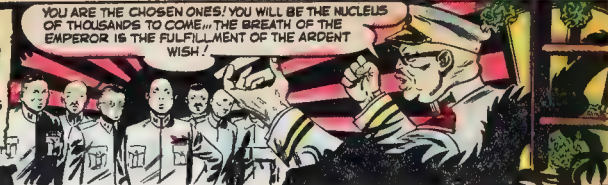
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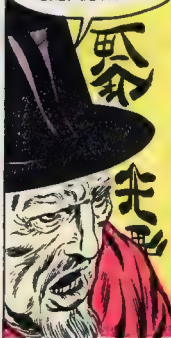
IN THEIR MINDS IS INCULCATED A NEW TRAINING...**TRAINING FOR DEATH! KAMIKAZE!**

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LT. HAMAMOTO IS READY! HE HAS WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT FOR WEEKS, AND NOW HIS MIND REELS WITH A DRUNKEN SENSE OF POWER... OF LIFE AND DEATH!



IT IS OUR DIVINE WISH TO TAKE YOUR PLACE! WE ENVY YOU!

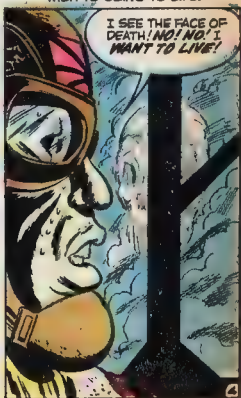
THE LIEUTENANT SELECTED HIS TARGET! THE CARRIER USS. INTREPID, LYING WITH THE FLEET OFF LUZON...



HE STARTS HIS DIVE! A THRILL OF SURGING POWER SUFFUSES HIM AS HE WATCHES THE TRACERS AND SHELLS POURING UP AT HIM AS THROUGH A FUNNEL...

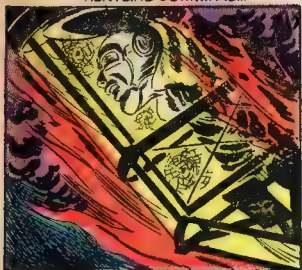


DOWN... DOWN... DOWN, THROUGH A HAIL OF FIRE! SUDDENLY, THE EXHILARATION IS GONE AND THERE REMAINS ONLY A WISH TO CLING TO LIFE!

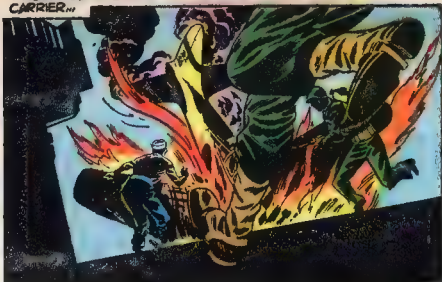


I SEE THE FACE OF DEATH! NO! NO! I WANT TO LIVE!

**BUT IT IS TOO LATE! LT. HAMAMOTO IS
ALREADY DEAD AND HIS PLANE IS STILL
HURLING DOWNWARD...**



**THE KAMIKAZE DISINTEGRATES, BUT NOT BEFORE ITS FLAMING
WRECKAGE RIPS INTO THE FORWARD FLIGHT DECK OF THE
CARRIER...**



**THE FATE OF
LIEUTENANT
IMI SHIRA
IS SLIGHTLY
DIFFERENT!
HE IS
ASSIGNED TO PILOT A
BAKA BOMB
TO HIS
DEATH...**



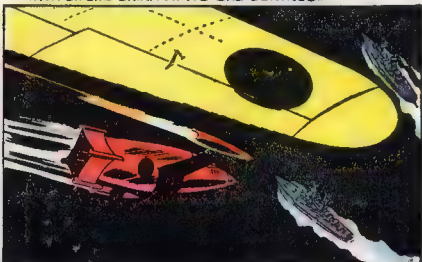
**THERE CAN BE NO SLIPS
IN A BAKA! IT CAN GO
ONLY ONE WAY...DOWN!!**

**LEAVE ME! ALREADY I
HAVE THE URGE TO
DIE!**

**A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE HUMAN BOMB
IS CARRIED ALOFT UNDER THE BELLY OF
A LARGE BOMBER!**



**THE MOTHER SHIP CARRIES ITS BURDEN ALOFT! IT FINDS
AN APPROPRIATE TARGET, DIVES AND RELEASES THE BAKA
WITH LT. IMI SHIRA AT ITS ONE CONTROL...**



**THE BAKA IS FAST! IT HITS 300-400-500 AND
AT 600 M.P.H. IT HURTTLES DOWNWARD LIKE A
COMET!**



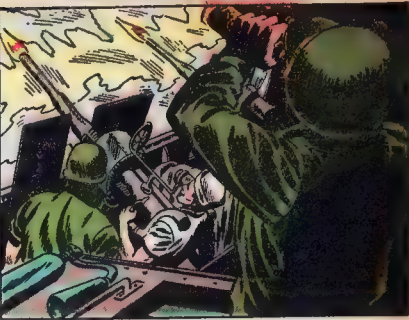
**LT. SHIRA SCREAMS WITH INSANE ZEAL! THE SPEED
IS ALREADY RIPPING APART HIS INTESTINES AND HIS
MIND IS GOING BLANK! HE CAN STEER... BUT ONLY DOWN!**



THE GREAT CRUISER STEAMS FULL AHEAD IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID THE DEADLY MISSILE, ITS GUNS SPITTING LIKE A THOUSAND CORNERED SNAKES...



ONE CRUISER, THEN TWO, TAKE UP THE BATTLE AND SEND A SHOWER OF DEATH UPWARD, BUT THE BAKA MIRACULOUSLY FLIES THROUGH THE CURTAIN OF FIRE...



LT. IMI SHIRA'S MISSION IS ALMOST DONE! BUT FEAR SUDDENLY GRIPS HIS HEART... HUMAN FEAR! BUT NOW IT IS TOO LATE FOR FEAR! AN EXPLOSION ROCKS THE BAKA...

LT. SHIRA HAS MISSED HIS GLORIOUS PURPOSE! HIS SHIP WITH ITS TREMENDOUS CHARGE OF TNT DISINTEGRATES! THE ASHES DRIFT OFF IN A DIVINE WIND...



IN WILD FRENZY THE KAMIKAZES CONTINUE BY THE HUNDREDS! SOME ACHIEVE THEIR MISSIONS... MOST FAIL!

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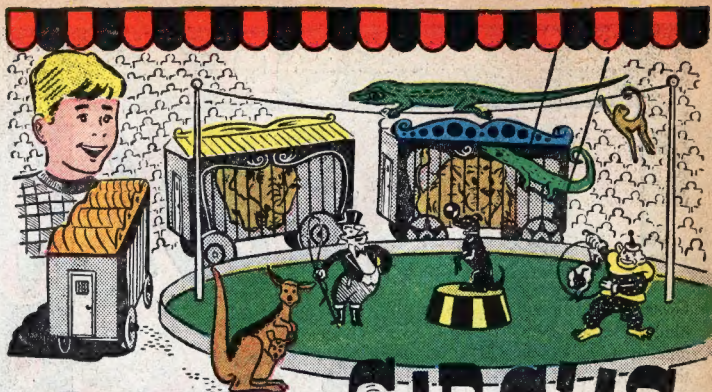
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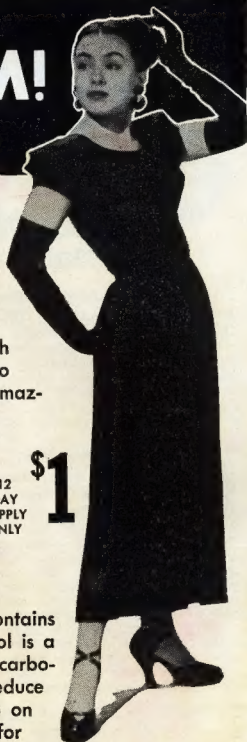


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